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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION RE DIAMOND CONFISCATION BY NEW YORK CUSTOMS.

1. SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS NOTIFIED RSO TODAY THAT  
THEY HAD ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CHECK TWO PASSENGERS  
DEPARTING JOHAESBURG FOR NEW YORK WHO WERE REPORTEDLY CARRYING  
LARGE SUMS OF ILLEGAL DIAMONDS. SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS  
REPORTEDLY ALERTED CAPTAIN OF FLIGHT, SA 207 WHICH DEPARTED  
JAN SMUTS 2300 OR 24 OCTOBER ARRIVING NYC A.M. OF OCTOBER, WHO IN  
RETURN NOTIFIED U.S. CUSTOMS WHO REPORTEDLY ARRESTED THE  
TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE CARRYING LARGE SUMS OF ILLEGAL  
DIAMONDS. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE " COOKIE MENDOSA" OCCUPYING  
SEAT E-16, AND "MIKE HOFFMAN" OCCUPYING SEAT E-17.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE THE REPORTED ARREST AND DIAMOND  
CONFISCATION BY NYC CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ON 25 OCTOBER.  
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